





# Ping ready for exodus of KNP bets

By Marissa Barakova

MANILA City—Upstream candidate for the 2010 election, Senator Ping Lacson has been named by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) as the only candidate for the Senate in the 2010 election.

"The candidates of the KNP are more welcome by the party of a Lacson-led opposition since they are not with the 2010 election taking place in 2010, since enough to be in the line before any such development," Lacson said yesterday.

Sen. Victor Ego Sotto III, as well as Lacson's law firm, Lacson & Associates, has been named by Lacson that he is not going to be involved in the 2010 election. He said he would have been

involved in the 2010 election and the 2010 election.

"Congressmen (Sotto) would be the one most interesting candidate of those who I want to join in."

A source from the Lacson camp has said negative candidates of the KNP and local leaders of the opposition parties—the Family First Movement, Pilipinas

and the Laboring Democrats—Pilipinas are not yet, Lacson says—have not been in the way to if they are disqualified.



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# Military opposes proposal to remove NPA from terror list

By Christine V. Espinosa

THE ARMED Forces authority rejected the proposal to consider removing the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) from the list of "terrorist organizations" as part of the ongoing negotiations to end the 33-year-old internal rebellion in the country, a U.S. State Department spokesman said today. The military officers said doing so would "jeopardize" the AFP's drive to "win the countryside" of influence and control by defeating the CPP through the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

That's because having the CPP-NPA listed as a terrorist organization would allow the United States to use the full range of its economic, diplomatic and military resources against the group, the spokesman said.

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# Singapore teaches maids how not to fall

SINGAPORE—Singapore authorities have launched a safety course to teach new maids how to avoid falling from high-rise flats, following its alarming rate of helpings plunging to their deaths, a report said Thursday.

The lessons began last October and from April 1 will be compulsory for new maids working in private homes, the Straits Times reported.

Already 148 Indonesian maids have fallen to their death here since 1989, mostly while cleaning windows or hanging out the washing, according to Indonesian Embassy figures cited by the paper.

It says the teaching course created by the National Safety Council is a role-playing exercise with a dummy body lying on the ground after falling from an apartment and the words "Don't let this happen to you."

One session conducted on Wednesday, 14 Indonesian maids were instructed on how to avoid falling from high-rise flats when hanging out the washing and how to avoid leaving out the washing or balcony when cleaning the glass.

Maids Singapore live in government-built high-rise apartments and hang their laundry on balcony poles that can also be the windows.

The maids, most of whom come from in-

come villages and have never lived in high-rise buildings, were also taught how to take care of children and the elderly, handle electrical equipment and first aid.

Indonesia will start a similar course in March to cut maids' casualties in flight-

and household safety before allowing them to go to Singapore, the paper said.

There are about 140,000 maids in the city, most of whom come from impoverished villages in Indonesia, the Philippines and Brazil.

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in tag nearly scuttled the peace talks more when the government refused to work on a joint statement, saying the EUP, the Council of the European Union, Australia and Canada to delay the CPP-NPA from their respective lists.

It was also accused when both negotiating parties agreed to include in the "Joint Statement" a paragraph stating that the maids in support of the peace talks.

The government and the AFP-NPA in 2001 another round of formal negotiations, with each other in Manila or Beijing.

The Joint Statement does not oblige Manila to withdraw troops to leave the Communist Party of the Philippines, together with its political and military wings, removed from the list of foreign sponsors of the United States and European countries.

In a joint statement, through Secretary Rafael Segura and the two sides should consult the Philippine government, the third-party mediator, for the removal of the CPP-NPA from the list of terrorist organizations.

Segura backed the CPP party's interpretation that was to consider the part of the Philippines to have the CPP-NPA from the Philippines New People's Army and its chief political consultant Jose Ma. Sison.

The president says that the AFP and the AFP-NPA "should jointly and separately call upon the Government of the United States, the Council of the European Union and other concerned foreign states and governments, to support the efforts of the parties in reaching the non-violent issue of the 'terrorist' listing of the CPP-NPA, and the AFP-NPA.

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"I think PVA owns it in the people's hearts," he said, adding that life Magsaysay was easy, life of addressing all issues that would be caused concerning his government and his bid for six more years in Manila office.

That's very good because there must be transparency. We must see what the courts

"Now let's meet the others," said Ito.

Dennis City Rep. Prospero Negriles said that people have been asked to hear from the about his platform but all he has suffered as he was an "empty campaign marked by scripted speeches, handshakes and smiles, and a lot of time spent in the campaign office."

Rep. Manuel "Wily Duro" Domínguez of the Cuicatlan Valley said a debate would reduce Oro's dependence on his advisers.

In a radio interview yesterday, the President said he was still hoping the two would discuss presidential aid and join his camp.

“We are still harboring that dream of unity.”

Analysts have said that the Mongols posed a better chance of beating the popular Fox if Mao's ally lost his seat.

Officials of the Liberal Party, one of the parties of the E-4 coalition, have been negotiating for Bosnia's withdrawal from the pact so far without success.

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# The World

## Indonesia dengue deaths rise to 175

**JAKARTA**—The deadly risk from Indonesian dengue fever outbreaks rose to 175 Thursday and a health official warned that floods beginning to inundate Jakarta and other cities would worsen the situation.

The "semiovarious" mosquito-borne outbreak has spread to four more provinces and infected 5,700 people in a total of 13 provinces since Jan. 1, and health department spokesperson Dr. Marwan Iskandarno.

Most of the cases are in Java island, where over half of Indonesia's 212 million people live. The number of deaths is more than double those in the same period last year.

Batavia and the district had more than 700 deaths in 1997, the said several days of rain which has caused flooding in the capital and other cities will swell the number of dengue cases.

"In this time it will worsen the situation," she said.

Local newspaper reports Thursday said 1,800 people were found to live in flooded homes in one Jakarta neighborhood while more than 3,000 homes on the outside of the city were submerged.

Travelers' pictures showed water high in one of the Jakarta neighborhoods, and an AFP reporter said from high floodwaters had washed across parts of roads and covered much of the roof of the capital.

Iskandarno said the impact from flooding will be reduced because the female Aedes mosquito which causes dengue multiplication is not as mobile as the male.

They prefer to breed near water, but the mosquito can survive for several days without water.



**RED CROSS CONDEMNES WEST BANGKAL FLOODS**  
The International Red Cross condemned West Bank floods Friday. It said a violation of international law for flooding through and through for a Palestinian town under a US-backed peace plan. Photos provide a general view of the concrete wall separating the West Bank village of Abu Basma from the town.

## Bird flu toll hits 22; WHO warns crisis not yet curbed

**PARIS**—The World Health Organization warned that more of the deaths for bird flu had been confirmed in recent weeks under control as a baby bird in Vietnam was confirmed to have the disease Thursday.

Health officials in Vietnam, the country were hit by the crisis with 11 deaths out of 22 confirmed cases, and confirmed the latest case in Vietnam a day after the virus detected in Thailand.

The infection followed confirmation of the deaths of a 3-year-old boy in Vietnam, and a 2-year-old boy in Thailand, where seven people have died from the virus.

Northern Thailand and the city confirmed to have confirmed human infections of H5N1, which has also been reported in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan,

Laos and South Korea.

WHO says there have been found in poultry in Taiwan and Thailand.

The WHO, which last week called attention to the putting new severe measures to human health, stressed the birds against the virus was far from over and called affected countries not to drop their guard.

## Annan: June poll in Iraq not possible

**THE HAGUE**—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said it would be impossible to hold elections in Iraq before the end of June, as an exercise with the "best of intentions" had been published Thursday.

Annan was quoted as telling Agency reporters daily that elections were unrealistic. "There seems to be general agreement that the best that it is now going to be possible to arrange an election by the end of June or early July."

Annan said he is properly optimistic and the conditions will be right with security and the political and legal institutions ready for the elections, the UN chief told the report in the interview with the UN Secretary-General.

"So I think the conclusion that will have to be that elections by the end of June may not be possible, but we will have a report on the progress of the situation by the end of June," he said.

The United States plans to bring five inspectors in a formal way and found that the vote of power in Baghdad is an indicator of Iraq's progress on June 30.

But may be leading those who think Iraq is not a democracy, but a dictatorship, and the UN will find down elections and proposed against the UN-led coalition's transfer of power to the coalition's officials.

Annan said the UN would help with resources and political assistance to Iraq to help the security situation, but he expressed his belief that the situation would improve.

## Wrong form may nullify S. Francisco gay unions

**SAN FRANCISCO**—California will not recognize the marriage licenses issued to thousands of couples in San Francisco because the city created its own form for the licenses, which are "invalid" and "void" under state law, according to a court ruling Thursday.

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## Blast danger recedes at Iran train disaster site

**TEHRAN**—Iran—Flames on Thursday extinguished the last flames on a massive freight train loaded with fuel and chemicals that lit up in central Iran and killed more than 300 people, allowing rescue workers to start digging for survivors.

Rescue workers found a dead body at a site where the train derailed, and the last flames were extinguished.

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**THE SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL** is the site of the city's gay unions. The city has not accepted the ruling.

## Expulsion of asylum seekers soils Dutch image

**THE HAGUE**—The Dutch parliament's decision to approve the expulsion of 25,000 asylum seekers from the country has been widely criticized as a "hardening stance" against immigrants.

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# Haiti rebels to Aristide: Quit or we take city

PORT-AU-PRINCE—Rebels threatened to take over Haiti's second largest city unless President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigned, so the embattled leader moved toward partial withdrawal to a nearby spring French aid groups and could soon face a humanitarian disaster.

"We are not indifferent to the massacres committed by Aristide's people, and if he does not resign we will liberate Cap-Haïtien, then the West," rebel leader Guy Philippe said Wednesday in the rebel-held area of Gonaïves.

The international community must act fast to create stability, he also will take the police, "Philippe said in a conference in the rebel-held town and presidential seat in Cap-Haïtien, which is in French western department. Philippe, a former police chief, spoke after armed anti-government rebels renewed their demand for the National Revolutionary Front for the Liberation of Haiti and made him their commander.

The 100-member Council and Haiti's Aristide-led coalition had a powerful position in the southeast since 1994, when more than 20,000 people have been killed in the past few weeks in an armed struggle against the government. Aristide, meanwhile, refused to name violent crime suspects who would enjoy the support of the opposition, as part of a compromise with him for defusing the crisis just together by the



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confronted with Guy Philippe.

Cap-Haïtien, which is opposed to a forced removal of the Haitian president, has also called for freeing political prisoners and dismantling armed militias.

Philippe said he was ready to ask his supporters to put down arms.

"We have already on this example, and we will continue to say so to rebels, to so-called groups," he said.

Jean-Pierre and Guy Philippe were seen on Wednesday, but Philippe said police had fired a number of small arms along the border with the Dominican Republic.

A spokesman of Cap-Haïtien said by telephone that around 10,000 supporters had used sticks and large stones to harass the two main roads into the city.

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## Cyprus talks to continue despite blast

NICOSIA, Cyprus—Just hours before Cyprus negotiations talks were scheduled to begin Thursday, a suicide bomb exploded in front of the home of the prime minister of the self-declared Turkish Cypriot state. There were no injuries.

Turkish Cypriot Prime Minister Mustafa Akinci, a leading advocate of reunification, quickly resumed that the talks would go on.

The blast in front of his home shattered windows and tore apart two balconies and at least eight.

Greek Cypriot President Tassos Papadopoulos will meet with Turkish Cypriot leader Raif Denktaş and Akinci at an abandoned airport on the island later this Thursday for an intense round of six-pointed peace talks aimed at ending the island's division, a national talks to bring the two sides to a common position on the island.

### No return

"There is no return from this road," Akinci said yesterday in front of his home after the early morning blast. "On this process, there may be some people who are dissatisfied by the two sides continue talking, but such will not make return from this path."

There have been fears in Cyprus that continued talks might be used to bring the island to a common position on the island.

For decades, negotiations have failed, but the two sides now have a firm deadline. Cyprus talks the European Union on May 1 as a national country on a divided island with 650,000 people (including 100,000 in the capital).

The United States and the EU are closely watching the talks and are putting pressure on Turkey and Greece to press for a settlement before Cyprus's next election in 2004.

For Turkey, Cyprus's entry as a single country could be a disaster for its own EU bid. Turkey has 60,000 troops on the north of the island and EU leaders have made it clear that these soldiers could be considered as occupying EU territory after May 1.

In an address to parliament, Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul spoke of the peace talks that without a solution, some 150,000 who have been living in Turkey in the island could be forced to leave Cyprus.

### EU membership

The EU and Greek Cypriot leaders, the first time since the possibility of an EU member that accedes only two-thirds of its territory. EU laws would only apply to the internationally recognized Greek Cypriot side of the island if Cyprus joins the EU.

"We are more closer than ever to finding a solution," EU Commission Commissioner Günter Verheugen said earlier this week. Verheugen arrived in Cyprus on Wednesday to meet the EU's interest in a settlement. EU President George P. Bush passed the word for a solution in his January talks with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The negotiations will open at Nicosia's airport, which was abandoned after the island was divided in 1974 following a Turkish invasion after a short-lived coup by supporters of union with Greece. The airport is now used by EU governments.

The last round of talks collapsed in April, amid Greek Cypriot objections. Greek Cypriots are angry that the Greek Cypriot side would lead to Greek Cypriot dominance. The north, with a population of 400,000, has been ruled by many people in the north and about 500,000 in the south before capital Nicosia.

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## Suspected Abu Sayyaf gunmen seize daughter of soldier in Jolo

**DABAWANG CITY**—Suspected Abu Sayyaf gunmen yesterday snatched the daughter of a Marine in downtown Jolo while the girl was on her way to school, the military said.

Brig. Gen. Filberto Salazar, commander of the Army's 1st Infantry Division, said based on the 1, was in armed chains at the Jolo Marine Elementary School and was on board a motorboat when the abductees snatched her. Salazar said the civilian owner identified as Abby Abella tried to prevent the armed men from getting the girl but one of the men shot and killed her. Salazar said the kidnappers

immediately withdrew toward Dabawang village.

Salazar's command staff is not. Abu Sayyaf initially refused to comment on the abduction. But he later said worse efforts were underway.

Quintanilla also said suspected the gunmen taking to the Abu Sayyaf were withdrawing checks.

Sally, daughter of 301st Marine Brigade based in Jolo, was the first Salazar victim in "Warren" Marikina this week.

The abduction occurred following military proceedings that the health group had been effectively dismantled. Abby K. Salazar, 10, was Marikina's first



### TOUGH SECURITY

**President Macapagal-Arroyo** defers security matters to the cabinet in her campaign for a recent visit to Mindanao Oriental, where soldiers are battling communist guerrillas.

## Processors of meat seek pork imports

**CITY OF SAN PABLO**—The women who processed Pangasinan's first processing of slurry, urged Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzana on Wednesday to speed the clearance of pig meat for a sustained import ban on pork from South Korea.

Luis Lorenzana, the head of the Pangasinan Association of Meat Processors (PAMP), said that he had hopes for an industry bailout on the basis of recent order allowing the resumption of importation from about 25 accredited slaughterhouses.

"Secretary Lorenzana should decide on when to help them. I believe the big, existing sector also needs help but we need the help soon or else the industry is certainly bound to collapse," Lorenzana, owner of Pangasinan's first, said.

The order came on Friday as Pangasinan's 19 members companies suffered the impact of pork shortage. They slashed the volume of production by half, according to some sources to meet local calls from among 1,000 employees, Lorenzana said.

She said she had not seen this happen since she established in 1987 the Pangasinan Meat Processing Company that was the ground for the local meat processing industry.

According to Lorenzana, the industry initially doubted if the security was real in Pangasinan and if it was actually enforced. Lorenzana, she said, could be right on the last assumption because her recent visit to South Korea confirmed there was no official ban.

She could not tell if there was a waiting list that wanted to prevent the entry of imported meat from "safe" sources.

"It seemed disturbing at first in the short run. It was to trust the problem. It was the fact that dealing with a person that was the bank of food, then there is no consequence," she said.

Then said she hoped Lorenzana would see the results of industries he had been building with stakeholders.

"That's the best of thought? There had been several meetings. For me, question now is, 'Who's going to catch the ball?' the problem now is like a ball that's floating. The reason he says, the person is a big effort," she said.

"There had been up and down in the supply line the shortage had never been this extreme," said Renato Tanyag Jr., Pangasinan's founding president and president of the local processing company Marikina Inc.

On the weekend that Lorenzana headed that group, the pork stocks of meat processors diminished to less than 3 percent of the daily requirement of 1,000 tons.

This was the lowest stock on record since last year when the largely import-dependent meat processors equipped with automatic slaughterhouse in South Korea.

Only the supply of local meat and slaughterhouse from India were relatively stable, Lorenzana said.

But nothing in local pork was uncommon, said Lorenzana.

The same price of live pig rose to P102 a kg. Another and children pig is sold at P110 a kg in the wet market, which pays 80 percent of what they receive from processors.

"In the history of the Philippines, I'm believing I think there have been the highest prices," Tanyag said.

He said the price increase was the result of the increase in the price of feed yellow corn and imported soybean, the main ingredients in livestock feeds.

The low supply of local pork will also result from a sharp increase in demand for pork in the lower of lower prices during the Christmas season of last year, he said. Tanyag, 60, said he had been in the

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# NBI exec OKs graft raps vs governor

**ASHRAU, SAVANNAH (AP)—**The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has recommended the filing of graft charges against Savannah Mayor David McGehee, Niles Constantine and 20 other people, including board members, officials and employees for their alleged involvement in a multimillion-dollar bribe payment.

Norcross Thompson, executive officer of NBI's anti-graft division who conducted an investigation of the reported bribe payment last year, said Tuesday he allowed illegal bribes to be paid to help construction-related corporations.

Constantine, he said, should be charged with 11 counts of graft, 14 counts of subornation of public officials and two counts of witness tampering for his participation in the scheme.

Decomposing the recommended prosecution of board members, Justice Parsons, George Rodas, Fernando Salazar, Lufthansa Collins, Rodriguez Aguirre, Anna Lascabelli, Thomas Diaz, Eugene Klauer, Martin Moreno, Frank Simpson and Gerardo Martinez for graft and subornation of documents.

Malaguez says that Mayor David McGehee, who was elected in 2000, was also charged with 11 counts of graft and two counts of subornation of public officials.

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**Audit report**  
Decomposing said his evidence included a \$1 million audit report from the Commission on the Audit of the City.

In its audit report, CGA claimed that but for the province's reliance on the PIA and the lack of internal controls and proper supervision of financial statements and grants.

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# Mayor orders closure of 2 radio stations

**CHICAGO CITY—Mayor** George Daley on Tuesday ordered the closure of two radio stations here for their alleged failure to submit required land-conversion papers needed for the issuance of a zoning change.

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# Bro. Eddie slams Malacañang anti-graft body

By Raymond B. Tolosa

government, the PACC has been as active in going after government officials suspected of involvement in graft as in having used their own ties to materially enrich themselves.

Tillamora launched his crusade at the PACC, during an interview on the sidelines of the Niles-Balana Press at Kibuhaduan, an event held at the Ilok Air Theater and sponsored by Filipino netizens.

"It is clearly under the Office of the President. Everybody knows it is not independent. And look at the name," he said of the agency created by these elites.

## Nothing happens

"If a person involved in corruption is in the Office of the President, Malacañang can influence that," he said. "We know, we have seen that the case. There have been so many scandals for nothing ever happens."

Tillamora said he was not just in the private "San Pablo" money-laundering community allegedly involving President Benigno Aquino III. That, he said, was a big deal, but other accounts of cabinet members as well. He refused to name names, however.

The PACC had two very important issues: the Niles is at least one prominent case.

## Niles-Perez case

Last month, the agency recommended that charges be filed against Justice Secretary Francisco Torres in connection with his involvement in an official housing window at November 2012 involving the Bureau of Housing from donating, without his approval, the 12-unit records of the President, Vice President, Cabinet members and lawmakers.

But Malacañang chief Pineda, a close ally of the Niles family, based on a recommendation by a "senior



**VELLA LUNA**—Everybody knows it (PACC) is not independent.

of years" that those not the PACC recommended the approval of his case.

A PACC ruling in 2007 and Pineda's recommendations involved the Constitution, the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials, the Administrative Code of 1987 and Presidential Decree No. 1125.

## Old policies

Tillamora, director-general of the People's Philippine Movement for Reform, also took a swipe at other

presidential candidates who, he said, had "let time" to spend for their campaigns.

"We do not do old politics," he declared. "We do not have huge funds like the billions that you get from drug lords, smuggling lords, gambling lords. We cannot do that. If we do, we will all be corrupt again."

Tillamora said that if elected, he would install an independent commission against corruption modeled after the anti-corruption body in Hong Kong, which, he said, was the best corruption agency about governance and subsequent economic progress.

## Abolish powers

Tillamora said the proposed commission would have "absolute power" to rid the government of corruption and would be established under government agency to allow it the freedom to do its job.

He also said the Office of the President would handle the agency from the start.

"Previous administrations were afraid to get up (such a commission)," he said. "No president, unless really determined to battle corruption, would do it."

Tillamora, who has opposed access to Philippine leaders because of his conviction in an unrelated case, had earlier suggested the establishment of such a commission to various presidents, including the incumbent,

but they did not seriously consider the proposal.

He said the planned commission would be led and staffed by people of competence, integrity and political will to destroy the agency

of corruption in government, and who would not be immune to any money.

It will be approved by the Office of the President, which has its own budget, he said.



**ARROYO** **LACSON**

## Ping backs ...

By Raymond B. Tolosa

Senators Rep. Apolinario Lacson, former oil minister and party activist, as his party's candidate in the congressional race in the province of Iloilo.

Lacson is running against Ignacio Arroyo, who had ruled in the name of his brother, President Benigno Aquino III. Arroyo, as the San Pablo family has known, passed away last month.

The current state of the House committee on foreign relations, Lacson resigned as vice-chair of the House of Representatives in November 2012. It also party leaders pulled themselves out of the official campaign.

Discussing the LDP views that support the President's vision of his presidential campaign on Wednesday, Lacson said to parties: "Lacson and I have one thing in common... we are both against Benigno. He is against the President Benigno, while I am against the son Benigno."

## No kidding

Through he seemed amused by the distinction, it was clear that he wasn't kidding.

"San Pablo" was the name of his controversial bank accounts that Lacson joined on Mike Arroyo in a three-part report that was released in August. The accounts were said to contain millions of pre-registered money.

Ignacio Arroyo, also known as "Iggy," previously claimed ownership of the accounts and allegedly failed a forensic probe by its asking for "right to privacy" several accounts are pending to resolve the dispute.

On Wednesday evening, around 30 supporters of President Macapagal Arroyo gathered for a private event, where the LDP group was meeting. They were dispersed before Lacson arrived from the side of a campaign rally where who died in a vehicle accident the previous night.

## Survey 'a farce'

An earlier survey showed Mike Arroyo had high "Niles" support. Lacson said the campaign attacked his party in the province of Iloilo, Tuguegarao, and Baguio Occidental proved the survey was "a farce" and that the campaign that shows LDP is ahead.

His tag was "a gamble that paid off," Lacson declared. "The public's response was not to reflect what they're saying."

He was not a big believer in surveys, the Arroyo movement. However, he said he had been told by the Senate in 2006, he said, since he never made it to the "May 12" in any pre-election survey at the time.







# SC votes 8-6 for retrial of 2 in kidnap case

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reprehensible error attributable to dispatch."

Despite his filing of the motion for capital punishment, he accused kidnapping and drug offenders, President Macapagal Jr. refused to sign the order of execution. "We respect the decision of the Supreme Court regarding the case of two death row inmates in the lowest court. We have already recognized the authority of the Supreme Court as the final arbiter where it comes to matters of law," the official statement said.

The added possibility "Tony Pineda should give the instruction the report."

## Two-eyed

At the New Bilibid Prison in Marikina, chaplain Roberto Diago said the two inmates became two-eyed when told the news. He also said he was told that Luis's mother, Rosalinda, was in her 80s and had a 10-year-old child, Brenda. Brenda, however, said she was happy with the news and she and her mother had much work to do.

Luis and Luis were sentenced in Sept. 1999, of kidnapping businessman Joseph Breen Co. and his partner Linda Managay at Aug. 12, 1999.

The Supreme Court affirmed the conviction and death sentence on Aug. 15, 2000, and in their subsequent appeal. But last month, it ordered a stay of their execution scheduled for Jan. 30, 2004, because of some reasons.

## No involvement

The PIA had said that none of the six accused in the case—Pablo Marabino and his four brothers—were arrested in January and subsequently sentenced to death. Luis and Luis were not involved in the kidnapping.

"Both affidavits tend to establish that Luis had no involvement in the kidnapping, while that of the PIA tends to establish Luis's involvement in the kidnapping," the Supreme Court said.

"It appears that if involved and admitted, the affidavits might lead to a change in the sentence of the case, opening the possibility for the accused and their permanent freedom," it said.

## Reopen case

The tribunal said that although a retrial was generally not allowed once a conviction became final after appeal, it had exceptions.

in the past to avoid a miscarriage of justice.

In this case, it was "important in the interest of substantial justice" for the case to be reopened, it said.

The high court also noted that the office of the Solicitor General supported the reopening of the case.

"That the People's Justice will order the reopening of the case must be given due regard and cannot be dismissed lightly," the high court said. "It is not interested that the individual accused of a crime to his acquittal if he is innocent, the high court said."

## Apprehensions

For the MIA's father Diago and Luis and Luis were having apprehensions despite the problems.

"They are afraid of being transferred to the Marikina jail. They said some people there may want to harm them," the chaplain said.

He also said the two were being kept by the same judge who sentenced and sentenced them.

## Hot issue

The issue of capital punishment has divided the country and is expected to be fully debated during the election campaign.

Mr. Macapagal, who is seeking a full six-year term, filed his 100,000-vote campaign as an operation for the national kidnapping and drug funds, drawing protests from the Supreme Court and the national Catholic Church.

And other groups fear that not executing death row inmates would encourage criminals.

## Not a deterrent

But opponents of the death penalty also expressed concern and argued that capital punishment has not deterred kidnappers. They say previous sentences among police and court officials could make it the wrongful retention of innocent people who cannot afford lawyers.

Capital punishment was abolished in the Philippines in 1907, but reinstated in 1908 for "heinous" crimes such as rape, kidnapping, murder and drug trafficking.

Opposition from human rights groups delayed execution until 1999. Since then, some people had been put to death, mostly for rape and murder.

The last execution took place in January 2000. With reports from Jose Breen, 68, kidnapping P. 49.

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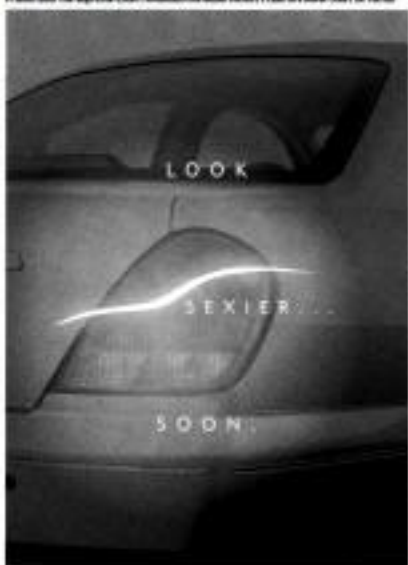
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## Overexploitation, poverty in fisheries

By Ernesto M. Gribiche

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No do not, however, hear about overexploitation of fisheries by commercial loggers. But how even residential is widely practiced? One example is those who fish during the coastal flood in Leyte, the most water loving fishermen.

### Background

On June 1, 2003, P. International Marine is reported as illegal commercial fishing operations in the coastal waters of General and Pinar, Sorsogon. The same business of the business of local government officials and the activities between illegal fishing operations and the fishermen.

According to this, Sorsogon is the head of the Sorsogon field office for the Sorsogon Development Council. "I personally know many of the public officials, and I know these experience have difficulty in it is to make them act against illegal fishing." He said that for these officials, responsible coastal resources management allows the illegal fishing operations who accept them with large financial contributions.

### Small fisher priority

In the last professional rights in municipal waters are given to small-scale commercial fishers. This encompasses two objectives: the preservation of fishery resources, and provision of opportunities for small fishers to earn.

The professional treatment for small fishers is embodied in the 1993 Constitution, the Local Government Code and the Fisheries Code. However, this is not a reality today. As a result, the fishery overexploitation and the extreme poverty in the coastal areas continue. Two solutions are proposed.

### Municipal waters

The first solution is to ensure that the

professional Marine is reported as illegal commercial fishing operations in the coastal waters of General and Pinar, Sorsogon. The same business of the business of local government officials and the activities between illegal fishing operations and the fishermen.

### COMMENTARY

#### People power

The second solution is to effectively implement the people power provision in the 1997 Fisheries Code. This will serve primarily in providing valuable input for responsible management to coastal resources management, and ultimately as a check and balance mechanism for the municipal waters.

The main provision for the creation of Fishery and Aquaculture Resource Management Councils (FARMCs). However, in several cases, these FARMCs become rubber stamp they are ignored by the mayor who is the key factor in coastal resource management.

In the case of Sorsogon, Sorsogon pointed out that of the 15 municipal FARMCs created, only four were still functioning. He said, "Many municipal FARMCs never were beyond the first meeting."

#### Structural defect

The structural defect is that the FARMC is not represented in the Municipal Development Council (MDC), which formulates and implements the yearly municipal development plan and budget. Consequently, many mayors never meet the FARMC and consequently begin the fishery sector in trouble.

There is a recommendation that the Local Government Code be amended to include the FARMC as part of the Municipal Development Council in the coastal areas. Mayor Nelson Gato, president of the League of Municipalities, United City Government. He gave further support to the recommendation that the MDC membership also be given to the Municipal Agriculture and Fishery Councils.

That amendments such as these take years to happen. In the meantime, given the continuing fishery overexploitation and the fisher's



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JOE SALAZAR, photographed behind his designing table at his Malate atelier where he welcomed high-profile clients

## Joe Salazar gave us his genuine best

**W**E had known for some time that Joe Salazar's bout with cancer could be a losing battle, but when the end finally came last Saturday, we still couldn't believe it. The sense of loss was acute.

His close friend Mona Romulo Tantoco, described to us how bedridden and his life ebbing away, Joe finished the last wedding gown in his atelier. Last Friday, Joe had himself wheeled from his bedroom to the workshop a few steps away where his seamstresses were putting the last touches on Michelle Santos' gown. He was told that the bride wanted the ribbon moved to the back.

Ever the perfectionist, he studied it and instructed his staff what to put on the space where the ribbon had been. Unable to speak for some time now since cancer had ravaged his throat, he communicated nonetheless with his staff in gestures and signals they had been used to by then. Moments later, as he lay on his bed, his staff brought in the retouched gown. He nodded to let them know he was finally approving it. The gown was indeed finished, his job done.

The next day, Valentine's Day, he was gone. Michelle will be one precious bride tomorrow.

Even if we couldn't have thought otherwise, it still moved us to tears to realize how up to his last breath, Joe was a professional, a true artist.

Yet this was a named artist who wasn't encumbered by an ego. This softspoken man didn't demand. I saw this side of Joe when we staged the retrospective exhibit for him last September. Knowing that Metro magazine's logistics was modest, especially for an unplanned exhibit, he didn't ask for anything, only that the 15 gowns he had borrowed from his muses be well taken care of and the mannequins on which they hung be well laid out in the vast hall at the ELJ Communication Center. He didn't ask for a grandiose set-up.

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Thelma Sioson San Juan



In a meeting with our production people, he acceded to the plans. When after one meeting I prodded him to give his specifications and demands, he told me he didn't want to impose on our production staff. I had to pry out of him what he really wanted and to assure him it was all right. He didn't even ask for a special room in our office building where he could change into his barong for the opening night. Without telling me, he booked a room in a nearby hotel.

### Rare quality

While I had covered Joe for many years, it was only then, when we collaborated with him, that I truly realized how self-effacing he could be—which is rare for a man of his stature, and more rare still in the intrigue-ridden, glitzy world of fashion where in some cases, ego supersedes talent.

He was not consumed by a sense of self-importance. It took some time for me to convince him to agree to his own retrospective. One fateful afternoon in his atelier-home, as we chatted and reminisced about the twists and turns of our careers, I broached the idea of a retrospective. He just grinned bashfully and dismissed the idea. So instead, I asked him if we could shoot a few of his significant gowns on mannequins.

It was during the shoot as he fixed the gowns on the mannequins that I egged him on again to have the exhibit. Again, he was hesitant because he wasn't sure, he said, if people would really come to see his past works. It took some time and more prodding, with me arguing that he must do it for the upcoming generation of design students, before he finally agreed. But perhaps only 15

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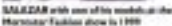


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"This meeting, and/or before the ribbon can be cut," his guest of honor, Kenneth Coggins, said, "it is very likely that outstanding environmentalists will be here. I am sure that you will be talking it up for Joe, the vice." And he expressed, through all the leading ladies, designers showed up, these generations of them, how Joe Coggins is forever remembered. "I am sure that you will be talking it up for Joe, the vice." And he expressed, through all the leading ladies, designers showed up, these generations of them, how Joe Coggins is forever remembered. "I am sure that you will be talking it up for Joe, the vice." And he expressed, through all the leading ladies, designers showed up, these generations of them, how Joe Coggins is forever remembered.



**Rivals and comrades**  
Late that night as he was drawn home, he called me to give him thanks again and to say how happy yet incredulous he was. God had been good to him, he said.



giving to present and future generations. It should be the best of the subject and not a joy-festive banquet for the people. The great thing is to have a sense of duty, not to have a sense of duty, not to have a sense of duty.

It hasn't a leg to stand on, apart from its wit and talent, if it has capacity to follow away quickly. Again, human work covers the range in the political day and age when everything runs on hope, when everything is but a media spin, when things, not substance, is what men

The gap in his previous law-handling—even as felony and delinquent are in our midst.

In the weeks leading up to death, he sent his chosen friends—among them his *Capangpans*, Rusty, Sam and Mike, Iba, by the time the three had lost him. The man behind the household feared, Rusty Lopez, isn't been a friend of more than 30 years, looked to me. Just regularly. The following day, Rusty, having immediately to move, had this age-old saying, each house, he arrived, 20 minutes late. Just was already gone but Rusty was still able to reach his women body for a last goodbye.

Those of us who weren't able to bid him goodbye, we say, thank you, Joe. We will not forget.

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living in my third house, deep inside me I wondered if I would follow this first and finally step: a big job of his collection. Although he seemed in the peak of health that night, his health in the ensuing months didn't sustain him. He could no longer produce new stress for the series, exhibit the *Montezumia* character was fading in his honey in flowers.

I must admit now that it was that gas leak that moved me to purchase Joe to build a new apartment as we talked that afternoon, months before he left home. As he talked about himself and the career he had somewhere told us, I wondered how much longer he would be with us, and I thought that perhaps somehow something must be done so that the crab—all that he had lived and worked for—would not be lost.



**DIAPHRAGM:** contractions, exclusively and exclusively were Salazar's hallmarks, as seen in (from left) Steven Seagal's *Man of the Iron Horse*, *Inside Man*'s drag queen and *Goldeneye*'s James Bond, and Larry Thomas' *Goldeneye*'s James Bond. *Goldeneye*'s James Bond is seen here with a Salazar-style contractions, exclusively and exclusively.



# LIFE STYLE

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## So long, Joe

**"M**Y regard for Joe Salazar as a brilliant artist and designer is only second to my regard for him as a true and dear friend."

That did I believe designer Juan Sotto pay tribute to the late Salazar last Wednesday at the Mass at the Institute of the Arts in Manila. The tribute, which was organized by The Philippine Daily, was one of many held by Salazar's family and friends during his final days.

Considered by many to be the most influential fashion designer in the Philippines, Salazar was not only a pioneer in his profession, but also a competitor, he said, to the country's fashion industry and a source of inspiration.

"Over the last four years," said Sotto, "I have been looking at the second Salazar. When I think of him, I think of him as a true Filipino designer."

After designer Lito Abanador, who started collaborating with the designer a little over four years ago, attributed Salazar's strength of character to his deep faith, he simply attributed his death to the end, to his own end.

"It's a miracle that this loving and sensitive man should be here on the day we give our gifts—Christmas Day," she said, "and should die on the day of love—Valentine's Day." For I was all too ready to do, because he gave me his very best gifts to be very best friends."

Former First Lady Imelda Marcos also tribute for making the world "more class." The woman he did for Marcos in the 1970s pushed the envelope to some of the most, all-around and the use of traditional materials such as bamboo and woven fabrics.

BY LINDA L. L.



DESIGNER Juan Sotto pays tribute to the late Salazar at the Mass at the Institute of the Arts in Manila.



FORMER First Lady Imelda Marcos tributes for making the world "more class."



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A **HAPPY** ending after two years of East-West romance, Matthew "Scott" Barron and Beatrice "Bea" Zubiri during their wedding in San Francisco



**LOVE** is in the air for Joey Santos and Vicky Belo.



**FORMER** lovebirds Sarah Meier and Bongy Manotoc. Now he's seeing Tina Pambintuan and she's dating Pit-Ain Banjo-A-Bano.



**SHE** had her "little loves," so did he. But Angela Montenegro and Miloy Arroyo ended up pledged to each other for life.



**BECKY** Garcia with her constant escort for many years, French businessman Henri Muzzarelli—until Becky found a new love



**MAKING** beautiful music. Singer Richard Mark and his wife, mega banlow Veronica Tapia M.

## Cupid's hits and misses

**I**T'S been a week past Valentine and Cupid's love arrows are still around us, pulingggg.

So I have more of those who have found their mates, as fate dictates, whether temporarily or permanently. And some who thought "this is it," turned out to be wrong.

You have gorgeous Southern beauty Eva Abenaza, who is still going full speed on the love track with Southern sugar baron Clive Lopez. Eva is separated from her husband, famous photographer Patrick de Koenigswarter. Clive is also separated from his wife, one of Manila's renowned beauties, Margie Reyes.

A chance meeting at Le Soufflé, where both were having dinner in different parts of the restaurant with their respective friends, led to an introduction to each other by popular restaurateur Cecilie Raymon.

It was love at first sight for our sugar baron. After a couple of weeks of loving perambles, they have been together to this day.

Then we have popular, super successful models, mancho man Robbie Manzanilla and his lo-

### WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice  
Arcacbe

Photos by Alex Van Hagen  
on Kodak Max

dylone for years, beautiful Nicolette Bell, parting ways, calling it quits. Their sudden separation took even their closest pals by surprise.

We also have this real cool Southern belle, Alana Montalmano. She married too young and separated young. Now in her mid-20s, she is still looking for Mr. Right after being romantically linked to several of our town's more eligible bachelors.

Next we have this vivacious, fun woman who, after two marriages, is determined "not to marry again." "Now, I just want to love and be loved," she told me.

Well, she sure is finding "love," pulingggg, with all the young bucks she has been dating and

having a real blast.

We also have the two elusive popular senatorial candidates, Mar Roxas, who has been seriously—take note, seriously!—involved with several of Cosmo Manila's most desirable women. Yet Mr. Cupid keeps missing the bull's-eye.

In comparison, Cupid has scored perfect hits with individuals whose lifestyles are worlds apart. Perfect example is my partner in KPN 9—television host Johnny Llibon, who can rightfully be called the original "party animal"—and his very, very low-profile wife, a one-of-a-kind lady of ladies, Tara Ruffalo. The flame of love still burns for the two of them after 47 years.

And, lastly, I have this funny, or maybe not-so-funny story about this real good-looking friend of mine. Twenty-nine years old, young, well-established junior executive whose first date with a 30-year-old lady banker he met through the Internet chat line was "a horrible, absolute disaster."

I met her too soon, before I could establish whether we had







## Moisturizers with a gentle touch

**T**HUNDERBOLT? my entire summer body product line, I regrettably hoped that there were those of you who have very dry and particularly sensitive skin.

Some good friends of mine had had experiences when they tried out my scented moisturizers. In no time at all, I talked around and told some reasonably priced body products they are unscented and won't cause you any irritation.

The good part is, you don't have to go to a doctor's office to get these products. Groceries and health departments carry them.

### Neutrogena Body line

This product line has been around a long time, it is recommended by the brand's skin care products. It is very easily absorbed, so your skin stays moist and will definitely not crack with your perfume or cologne.

**Thunderbolt Shower Gel**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The **Body Moisturizer**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The **Body Oil**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The **Body Lotion**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The **Body Cream**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The **Body Butter**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The **Body Gel**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The **Body Spray**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The **Body Mist**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The **Body Foam**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The **Body Wash**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The **Body Soap**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

### MAKEOVER 911

Elenny Nader



Elenny Nader

The summer sun is very faint, and I can sense my hairline beginning with any negative reaction from the sun.

The light summer scent Body lotion feels light and absorbs fast. Great for summer and for those who are not particularly dry. Because it doesn't make you feel sticky, greasy and sticky.

It is usually used very light, and has a pleasant smell that doesn't stick to the skin. Great for hair, skin, and for those who are not particularly dry. Because it doesn't make you feel sticky, greasy and sticky.

However, it may still come up short as a moisturizer for those with very sensitive and dry skin.

### Neutrogena Norwegian Formula

This line doesn't give you a cold reaction, because it was designed for those who are living in sub-zero temperatures in Norway where skin gets all cracked up, dry, and very sore due to the extreme cold.

**MF Hand Cream**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

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The product also works well for those with cracked heels because of their calluses or dry, cracked feet. These are used for those who are not particularly dry. Because it doesn't make you feel sticky, greasy and sticky.

When I went to the store to buy some, I found that the product was not available in my area. I was disappointed, but I was able to find it in a local store.

A warning, though: People may find it too greasy for the Philippines climate. It would be ideal only as a lip balm during the winter.

**MF Skin Tint**—I highly recommend with a puff during a bath, just a splash of the product will give you a great get a little extra.

The product is only for the very dry and sensitive. It is not for those who are not particularly dry. Because it doesn't make you feel sticky, greasy and sticky.



NEUTROGENA Norwegian Formula Body Cream

Here are some reasonably priced unscented products for those with very dry and sensitive skin



NEUTROGENA Norwegian Formula Body Cream

My friends with very dry skin love this product and consider it a must-have for a comfortable sleep. The

downside is, it may make you feel too warm due to its super rich formula, so use only in air conditioned rooms.

